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Re: Enclosed Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.116
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/872,007
Attorney Docket No. WN-2343
Our Reference: GOT.059

Dear Examiner Soward:

Enclosed for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2003, in the above-referenced application.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosure

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In re Application of

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Serial No.: 09/872,007

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Filed: June 4, 2001

Examiner: Soward, Ida M.

For: FABRICATION OF LOW POWER CMOS DEVICE WITH HIGH RELIABILITY

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Box AF
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In preparation for imminent appeal and in response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1 and 3-20 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 20 have been amended to clarify the invention. Claims 3-19 have been withdrawn from prosecution. Of the remaining claims, claims 1 and 20 are independent.